

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above Amendment and the discussion below.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Nakayama (U.S. Patent No.: 5,262,950) while claims 1-6 have been allowed and claims 8-13 have been objected to as depending upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to this rejection, Applicant's have amended claim 7 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 8 with claims 9-11 being amended to depend from the newly allowable claim 7.

Claim 7 has also been amended to eliminate the objection stated on page 2 of the Office Action.

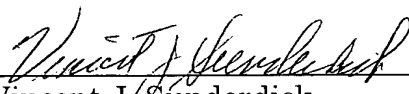
Therefore, Applicant's respectfully request that this application containing claims 1-7 and 9-13 be allowed and passed to issue.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.52608US).

Respectfully submitted,

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